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TAGS: ENRG, PINT, SA

SUBJECT: OIL AND POLITICS - WHOM DO YOU LISTEN TO?

1. FOREIGN MINISTER SAUD, IN STATEMENT TO UKAZ NEWSPAPER FEBRUARY 13, SAID THAT SAUDI MODERATION IN OIL PRICING REFLECTED SAG'S DESIRE THAT US AND OTHERS "BRING PRESSURE TO BEAR" ON ISRAEL IN FAVOR OF THE ARAB CAUSE. EDITORIAL IN FEBRUARY 14 AL MADINA EMBROIDERED ON THIS THEME IN CONTEXT OF VANCE VISIT.

2. AN "OFFICIAL SOURCE", QUOTED BY SAUDI PRESS AGENCY (SPA) FEBRUARY 15, REFRAINED FROM MAKING SUCH EXPLICIT LINKAGE, STATING THAT THE SAUDI POSITION AT DOHA WAS PROMPTED BY CONCERN FOR THE WORLD ECONOMY PLUS THE DESIRE TO "CREATE THE RIGHT ATMOSPHERE FOR A DIALOGUE THAT WOULD HELP ALL HUMANITY." THE UNNAMED SOURCE ALSO EXPLICITLY DENIED THAT THE SAG'S DECISION HAD BEEN MADE TO HELP CERTAIN WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES RESIST COMMUNISM; REPORTS QUOTING YAMANI TO THAT EFFECT, THE SOURCE SAID, WERE "FALSE IN WHOLE AND IN PART".

3. COMMENT: THE SPA STATEMENT HAS THE RING OF AUTHENTICITY; WE ASSUME IT CAME FROM A SOURCE CLOSE TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE CROWN PRINCE. IT WOULD SEEM THE MINISTERS ARE BEING REMINDED THAT THEIR FREEDOM TO MAKE STATEMENTS HAS ITS LIMITS.  
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